

CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION

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TO:	All Summer Food Service Program Sponsors	ISSUE DATE: December 1997
FROM:	Summer Food Service Program Unit	
ATTENTION:	Authorized Representatives	
SUBJECT:	Use of Provision 1, 2 or 3 for Summer Food Service Program Site Eligibility	

This Management Bulletin disseminates guidance for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors regarding the use of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) eligibility data for sites operating under the Provision 1, 2 or 3 claiming alternatives.

Provisions 1, 2 or 3 are alternative claiming methods generally used by schools with a high percentage of enrolled children who qualify for free or reduced price meals. These provisions reduce the paperwork required by the annual application collection process.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has recently provided clarification that it is permissible to use the site's most recent NSLP base year data for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) eligibility if 50% or more of the children enrolled during this period were eligible for free and reduced priced meals. The base year refers to the most recent year that eligibility determination was made, and is the basis of the school lunch sponsor's claim.

When SFSP sponsors request site eligibility verification from school districts, schools must provide the sponsor with a written statement, on school or district letterhead, that has the following information: the school name; the claiming alternative the school is utilizing; the base year; the total enrollment; and the number and percentages of children eligible for free and reduced price meals during the school's base year.

Schools that are not utilizing one of these provisions must continue to state their total enrollment and the number and the percentage of children eligible for free and reduced price meals. The percentage, in all cases, must be 50% or above to qualify a site for participation in the Summer Food Service Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Atherton, Program Analyst, Summer Food Service Program Unit at (916) 327-5456 or call the toll-free message line at (800) 333-5675.

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